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1. Work DKW (VVB Ifa) in Griessbach Post Willischthal near Zschopau (N 51/K 75) formerly produced motorcycles and engines. The plant was completely dismantled after the war, but resumed operation in late 1949. *
2. [redacted] two rolling trains for pistons. The production program included the production of pistons, DKW RT 125 type (125-cubic cm) motorcycles and stationary engines for agricultural and fire-fighting purposes. The production of a 350-cubic cm motorcycle, equipped with opposed piston engines (Boxermotor), was scheduled. Some motorcycles of this type were already being tested. It is also planned to start the production of vehicles with plastic bodies, in late 1952. The plastics used have a linen lining. The bodies made of this material allegedly have proved usable and can be repaired in case of damage. **
3. No information is available concerning the productive capacity of the plant. It is only known that one hundred DKW RT 125-type motorcycles could be produced daily. However, only 50 to 60 units are actually produced daily due to difficulties in obtaining driving and gear chains. The production cost of the DKW RT 125 motorcycle is 1,050 eastmarks. ***
4. Before the war the plant had 2,500 employees and produced at a rate of 250 engines per day. At present, the plant has about 900 employees. Work was done in two shifts in the piston department. The last shift ended at midnight. The remaining departments had a one-shift schedule. The former racing driver Scherzer (fnu) was manager of the Customer Service Department of the Ifa Plant. He also conducted the training courses for the plant salesmen, arranged by the IIO.

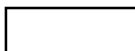
* [] Comment. Before its expropriation the reported plant belonged to the Auto Union Corporation and was known as the DKW Plant in Eschopau. It is now an enterprise of the VWR Ifa.

*** Comment. The DKW RT 125-type motorcycle is also mentioned in an advertising prospectus edited by the IFA Plant in Zschopau. According to other information, the engine produced for agricultural purposes is the EL 150-type DKW built-in engine (Einbaumotor). Other types produced are the EL 200, EL 300, DT 900, and ZT 1103.


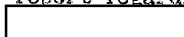
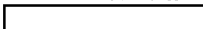
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25X1 ***  Comment. The shortage of driving chains was mentioned in a previous
report regarding the production of the Audi Plant in Zwickau (N 51/K 34).
25X1  It has also been reported that raw materials for the
production of pistons are in seriously short supply. 

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